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1. HQS AGREES WITH STATION CONCLUSION THAT VIAUX SOLUTION APPEARS ONLY VIABLE ONE NOW IN SIGHT, SHORT OF SOME UNEXPECTED MIRACLE.

2. IT IS TRUE THAT VIAUX SOLUTION WHICH INVOLVES AIR DROPS CARRIES TRENCANT MESSAGES, BUT SINCE WE ALSO AGREE THAT U. S. INVOLVEMENT WOULD BE OBVIOUS IN AIR DROP APPROACH WE PROBABLY WILL NOT OPT FOR THIS UNLESS VIAUX PLANS AND STRATEGY PROVE, IN DAYS TO COME, TO BE CONSIDERABLY MORE PROFESSIONAL AND PROMISING THAN NOW, (FRANKLY, THE TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED MIGHT BE THE PRECLUDING FACTOR.)

3. THIS WOULD APPEAR TO LEAVE ALTERNATE OF A VIAUX SOLUTION WHICH WOULD APPEAR TO BE PURELY CHILEAN, WITH OUR SUPPORT LIMITED TO FUNDING. BUT WISH TO HOLD FINAL

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4. IN SUM, HQS PRESENT THINKING IS THAT AIR DROP WILL PROBABLY NOT BE FEASIBLE, AND THAT OUR CURRENT INSIGHT INTO VIAUX COUP MECHANISM MAKES US DUBIOUS OF TAKING THE RISK OF SUPPORTING HIM; BUT WE WANT TO KEEP THIS OPTION OPEN. THUS STATION, IN ANY SITUATION WHICH MIGHT COME UP IN NEXT FORTY-EIGHT HOURS, SHOULD ACT ON THE BASIS THAT WE WANT TO KEEP IN TOUCH BUT DO NOT WANT TO BE SO ENTRENCHED IN THE VIAUX CAMP THAT WE CANNOT FOLD OUR TENTS IF NECESSARY.

END OF MESSAGE

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